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## **Cherry Blossom Festival Events in SW**



Artist Jim Siemer with family members in front of cherry trees

#### NAFEO's Annual Conference

The National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) announced today that its "National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education", will mark the 25th Anniversary of the organization's founding. The annual conference will take place in Washington D.C., from March 23-27, 1994.

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Founded in 1969, NAFEO has become the membership association of 117 historically and predominately Black colleges and universities. These colleges and universities enroll some 300,000 students yearly and graduate approximately one-third of all Black students annually with undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees.

Acting as the informed and coherent voice of these diverse institutions, NAFEO serves as the clearinghouse for information on them, as a coordinator for the development of a collective approach for higher education and as a resource for its institutional presidents.

The theme of the conference is "Empowering." Dr. Samuel L. Myers, president of the association, proclaimed, "We expect to develop new agendas and lay foundations for action as

we approach the next century."

This year's conference chair will be Dr. Dolores Spikes, the first female president of the Southern University system.

Persons interested in attending the conference can contact the conference office at 202-543-

by Barbara Brannan

According to Robert DeFeo, the National Park Service's chief horticulturist, the blossoms of the Japanese cherry trees given to the American people some 82 years ago will be out in early April and peaking on Saturday, the 9th of April.

That's good news for all of us Washingtonians who have waded patiently through the snowiest winter in many years, especially for those of us who live in Southwest, for whom the lovely trees are just a few steps from our doors.

And it's also good news for the National Cherry Blossom Festival, whose schedule will encompass that date. Starting on March 28th and culminating with the fourth Cherry Blossom Arts Festival on the Southwest waterfront two Sundays later, the two-week extravaganza will be a highly visible presence in our neighborhood.

Most weekdays will be enlivened by a variety of noontime concerts in the park at 7th Street. Artists will include Spirit Cruises, Eric and Elizabeth, and visiting school bands from around the nation, and a special performance on April 5 by the Police Department's renowned band, "Side by Side."

#### JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Thursday, April 7th will be a day with much going on. An <u>obaku baisa ryu</u> tea ceremony will be conducted by Hiroyuki Nakazawa's group of fifteen men and women dressed in traditional Japanese kimonos. This event is open to the public at Channel Inn between 3 and 5 pm. There is limited space. Phone reservations can be made at the Cherry Blossom Festival hotline (202) 646-0366.

Regular evening passengers aboard the Spirit of Washington from 7 to 10 pm will get to observe this impressive ceremony also, in addition to the music, entertainment, and food of the gala dinner cruise. An exclusive performance by Hiroshi Nojiri and his oneman ten-instrument orchestra will be featured. Reservations can be made by calling 554-8000. SUNDAY, APR 10 ARTS FESTIVAL ON WATERFRONT

Sunday, April 10, will be the culminating of the celebration with the fourth annual Arts Festival presented by Washington Waterfront Association, showcasing the creative talents of some thirty-plus Washington-area artists and craftspeople assembled by A. Salon, Lt., one of Washington's finest artist cooperatives,

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# You Are A Member Of the Assembly

Thirty years ago the residents of Near Southwest DC (Zip code 20024 - between the freeway and the Anacostia River) formed a new civic association, called the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA). There are no dues or membership applications.

ELECTIONS COMING UP

Election of officers is held once a year and every resident of this area age 18 or over can vote, whether you are registered for city elections or not. The 1994 election is coming up. See the story in this issue.

Monthly meetings of SWNA in the Southwest Library take up neighborhood issues of concern. Any resident who wants to can attend, listen, speak up and vote at meetings.

The Southwester newspaper is put out monthly by volunteers for SWNA. Stories can be left in a box at the SW Library.

The Youth Activities Task Force is part of SWNA and each year helps prepare dozens of S.W. youth for the world of work as well as actual jobs.

The Southwest Scholarship Committee is part of SWNA and is made up of volunteer residents. Grants of \$500 to \$1000 have been given each year to over 20 Southwest youth going to college. Application forms are at the Southwest Branch Library, 3rd and K St. SW.

## SWNA Workshop

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is our citizens group which meets monthly to talk about and act on community concerns. The Assembly goes by several names, the SWNA or Southwest Neighborhood Assembly or Assembly, they are all the same. SWNA is a grassroots organization which was formed in the early 60's. It is different from the ANC. Started in the 80's, it is the "political arm" of SW.

There will be a workshop on Monday the 28th. We want to set some goals for the SWNA to achieve which will improve things for the people in this community and we want your input. What would you like to see adressed this year? In addition to setting goals, this is a chance to learn about the duties and responsibilities of SWNA officers. After the workshop, nominations will be taken from the floor.

Dr. Beryl Rice will lead the workshop and we hope to see a lot of people at the meeting. Mark your calendar - Monday, March 28th at 6:30 pm.

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## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

The paper has had a good year as far as the amount of articles submitted by the community. In January, Dale MacIver joined Carole Early. This has resulted in a new division of the workload, plus the addition of more photos and better coverage of children and sports related events. Nathaniel Polster has continued as our layout person. A student who is majoring in Journalism at Boston University will be in Southwest until the summer and has volunteered to work on the paper. We would like to get a Jefferson student to be "on staff" to cover school news. Jwahara Coleman is our student for this month.

Our former distributor has left the area. Dale has taken over in this capacity. He is working as a volunteer and supervises a group of teenagers who distribute over 12,000 issues of the paper. They get paid on an hourly basis. These kids are the only people connected with the paper who are paid. Still, the amount now paid is a reduction in the amount paid to the previous people.

In November of 1993, Bob & Jeanne Omohundro took over as the new advertising coheads. They have a lot of creative ideas and we hope to expand our group of advertizers as well as making sure that everyone who receives an ad pays for it. We are no longer looking to SW as the only source of advertizers for the Southwester. Businesses in nearby areas will be given this opportunity. We'd appreciate leads on potential advertisers.

I'll be writing to you soon again about the financial health of the Southwester.

> Sincerely, Carole Early, Editor & Manager

#### Poetry Group

A poetry reading group has been meeting over at Capitol Park Apartments for the past several months. One of the "unofficial" members (he doesn't live there) is Clyde A. Wray. He is a poet - writes his own works & is a wonderfully expressive reader. It turns out that he is a professional & has his own company called "Poetry for Your Ears".

Many of us who attended the poetry group were anxious to attend his performance at the American Theater at 8Rock. On Monday, February 21 his one-man-show played at this store-front theater in revitalized Anacostia. This interesting theater is only 10 minutes away from

He was marvelous. Not only were the poems very good, but the delivery was done extremely well. The program said that this was "in tribute to Black History Month" - what a tribute.

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## Calendar

Saturday, March 19, Creative Child Development Center 4th Annual Art Show and Auction,

ment Center 4th Annual Art Show and Auction, Amidon School, 6 pm.
Thursday, March 24, NARFE, S.W. Branch Library, 1:30 pm.
Monday, March 28, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, S.W. Branch Library, 6:30 pm.
Wednesday, March 30, Wiley Branton CDC Annual Meeting, DAV Building, 7:00 pm.
Tuesday, April 5, First District Citizens Advisory Council, District Headquarters, 7:30

pm.
Monday, April 11, Advisory Neighborhood
Commission 2D, Westminster Church, 7:30 pm.
Wednesday, April 20, SW AARP, St.
Matthew's Church, 12:30 pm.
(Please submit community events for next
calendar to C.W. Hargrave, 600 3rd St, S.W.,
202-554-8284.)

## FOR EASTER

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from 10 am until 6 pm.

Among the artists appearing will be Jim Siemer, originator of the "Socks Sack" (read "doggy-bag"); painter George Koch, jewelry designer Don Viehmann, and many others. As in previous years, Officer Theodore Brannum of the D C Police will draw free caricatures. All will set up under Hogates' tented area and behind the businesses along the promenade. As a pleasant background to the one-day festival, Al Dale of the National Park Service has arranged for the Washington Area Music Association to provide a variety of musical entertainment.

In the midst of the festivities, the Cherry Blossom Committee will hold its closing ceremonies, ending a week of natural and manmade splendor.



Otticer Theodore Brannum of the DC Police Dept. drawing caricutures.

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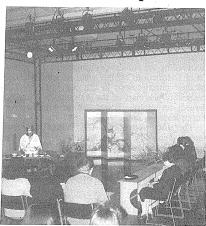
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These scenes show the Japanese Ceremony which will performed on the Southwest Waterfront Thurs. April part of the Cherry Blossom Mr. Hiroyuki Festival. Nakazawa's group of 15 men and women dressed in the traditional Japanese kimonos will perform the Obaku Baisa Ryu style tea ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony guests will be served herb tea.

## Japanese Tea Ceremony At Channel Inn Apr. 7



The graceful etiquette of the Japanese Tea Ceremony will be presented at Channel Inn on Thursday, April 7, as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Mr. Hiroyuki Nakazawa's group of 15 men and women in traditional Japanese kimonos will perform the Obaku Baisa Ryu style tea ceremony.

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## Two S.W. Women Get Awards

Karen Wilson

Two Southwest residents, Ethel James Williams and Margaret Feldman, were recently hands and magnet returned, were recently honored by the Air Force Association as "Women of Distinction." They were selected because of their contributions to the community. The ceremony was part of the Association's annual awards ceremony. It was held at Andrews Air Force Base on January 29.

The Honorable Sheila A.E. Withall, the first female Secretary of the Air Force, was guest speaker. Following are two profiles of the awardees. A journalism student from Boston University, Karen L. Wilson, who is interning in D.C. interviewed and wrote about the two women.

#### Margaret Feldman

"I have not been active; this was a surprise," says Dr. Margaret Feldman on her recent recognition by the Air Force Association as a 1994 Woman of Distinction. Yet, this "not active" woman has spent her whole life being concerned for people and working hard to improve the

world in which we live.

Having held positions from college professor in idyllic upstate New York to staffing Congressional committees and lobbying on Capitol Hill, Feldman has always had the desire to help people. She is currently the Washington Policy Representative of the National Council on Family Relations.

Now in her seventies, Feldman is not "retired." she is a "pre-earned income resource" person. The phrase is one she made up herself. "Now you have the income to be a resource in your community," she explains. "I know there are people who say, 'I've worked hard all my life; now I'm just going to rest.' But, that would be just terribly boring for me.. I think we have to keep learning, and keep trying to find ways to put back.

That dedication and optimism have propelled Feldman to the accomplishments recognized by the Air Force Association, who gives the annual awards to women who have made significant contributions in their fields of expertise. "Margaret has distinguished herself in her career and community involvement, "says Natalie Desmond who nominated both Feldman and fellow winner, Ethel James Williams.

Working in the government and on serious

social issues is enough in itself to breed cynicism, but Feldman resists. "I tend to be optimistic," she says. "The longer you work here the more cynical you get; that is true. But I think



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#### Ethel Williams, Natalie Desmond and Margaret Feldman

you can't quit..everybody has to have responsi-bility. If any one of us quits, that's a loss. We really need to keep our spirits up-to know we can make a difference."

In her cozy, sunny River Park apartment, surrounded by art and treasures from Africa to Honduras, Feldman talks about her own little corner of the world-Southwest D.C. "We need to keep hope that we can bring a greater sense of community here in Southwest," she says. "I feel that Southwest has the potential to be a great community, we are all dependent on each other, we all share the streets and the stores. We have to understand each other, and see how we can work together." Feldman helped a great deal with the 25th Anniversary celebration of River Park, and hopes that with the good will of many Southwest residents, the community can unite for activities such as an art show or summer festival, and services such as child care, and increased parent involvement in the schools.

Feldman sees joblessness as a major problem as it leads to economic hardship and violence in as it leads to economic nardship and violence in the community, as well as the nation at large. Violence on television and in neighborhoods is especially dangerous to children. "Children have no skills in conflict resolution," she says, noting her approval at the trend to teach conflict resolution in schools. "There are other ways," to solve problems, insists Feldman. "We need to learn these other ways.

tearn these other ways."

The lost generation of children is due in part, Feldman believes, to the "parenting deficit" cause when women go to work and men don't accept their share of child involvement. "This has not turned out terribly well for those children," she says. She speaks slowly, nurturing each word into phrases built from experience and compassion and compassion.

Feldman herself was fortunate enough to have two parents who were aware of and active in community welfare. Her father was superintendent at a home for delinquent boys for a time, and Feldman feels that her heavy exposure to social work led to her "concern for people in society who were not making it." Her husband, children, and grandchildren are also involved in community work.

#### Ethel James Williams

"Today, people complain about their limitations. I get so impatient when I see how much we did with nothing. I mean, we didn't move the world, but we made a difference." Ethel James Williams pauses and sighs,

thinking back to her days as Director of the Southeast Neighborhood House. inevitable energy, however, this recent winner of the Air Force Association's Woman of Dis-

Besides being Director of the Southeast House, Williams has worked at the YWCA, Howard University, D.C. City Council, and the 110th St. Community House in New York City. It was at the Southeast House where she felt she made the largest contribution.

"We were dedicated to a cause," she remembers, talking about the day care, scouts programs, parents groups, interns from Howard, and other activities that were part of the house. "I'll still be in a store, and someone will come up to me and say, 'Ms. Williams, I know you don't remember me, but I want to thank you..' That means so much that they can look back on the day care or other activities with fondness, she savs.

Her voice gets heavy as she talks about the unsuccessful battle to save the Southeast House from Route 395. "I really wanted to weep, when I think about the richness of how it was way back then.

Born in Philadelphia, Williams grew up with r mother as a strong role model. "She was a her mother as a strong role model. political leader in our ward; she was very active," says Williams. She thinks her own commitment to social issues "might be in my genes...I always have to get out from behind a deck and interact with possible."

desk and interact with people."

"As old as I am, I'd love to get a job," she laughs. Although she might not get a salary from any organization right now, Williams is still very active in her community with various neighborhood groups and her apartment building board.

Her community involvement and other work was what led Natalie Desmond to nominate her for the award. "She's really distinguished her-

self in her career," says Desmond.

Through her work, Williams has had the opportunity to see many problems facing the country first-hand. "People say they want change [such as welfare reform], but when you sit down and look at the process and practice of change..well, it's comfortable to stay in the same old rut.

"Change is sacrifice, it's painful," she says, with her motherly concern. "Those children on the basketball courts all want to make a million dollars playing ball, but they don't understand the sacrifice required. So many children who grew up on welfare have never seen anyone get up at seven a.m. with the alarm to go to work..it's very hard," she says.

Williams has spent so many years of her life caring about people and working hard. In her simple comments on human nature and advice simple comments on human nature and advice for today's urban youth, shines her own secrets for success, no doubt: "So many people say, 'well, I'll do that tomorrow." No! You do it today."



## S.W. Summer Camp

From June 27th to August 19th, Desney Butler's Before & After Care Program is going to be extended. The new hours will be 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. It will continue to meet at Southeastern University. During the summer, there will be: some schoolwork, field trips, swimming, trips to the library, arts and crafts, other fun things and snacks. Children from 4 years to 12 years old may attend. Call Mrs. Butler at 554-7422 or 554-4364 to discuss cost.

### Math Enrichment Offered At Catholic University

Educational Technology Systems (ETS), a non-profit organization, will offer a summer enrichment program for students in grades 7 to 11 from July 5 to August 1.

The program will be at Catholic University, Michigan Ave., N.E. from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm., Monday through Friday.

The principal goal of this program, called SummerScope, is to offer each student challenging and enriching experiences in mathematics, science, computer technology, communication skills and humanities.

SummerScope is for students of average and above average skills. State-of-the-art instruction will be provided, emphasizing developing and expanding each student's knowledge base, critical thinking and problem solving skills.

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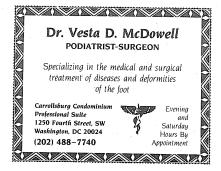
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## St. Dominic's

St. Dominic's has a new pastor. His name is Fr. Donald Thiebaud. He will start on March 19th. Since the departure of Fr. Haddad in January, Fr. Newman has been the acting pastor. Next month the *Southwester* will have more information on the current pastor. In the meantime, we welcome him and wish him luck.

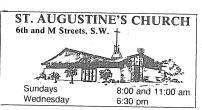
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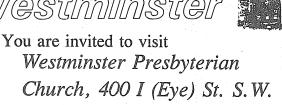
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raised..." Matth. 28:6
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# **SPORTS**

## Soccer on the Hill

One of the most popular sports of the 90's is soccer. Mr. Wendell Domon of Capital Park is president of Soccer on the Hill, Inc. During the season, they meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the SE Library (7th & Pennsylvania Ave., SE). Their game fields are at Kennilworth Park.

The season is coming up. It runs from April until June and from right after Labor Day until the 2nd week-end in November. So, the time to join is now. Girls and boys ages 5-19 are invited to play. The fees are \$50.00 per season, but scholarships are available and no child will be turned away.

If you know of some youth who is interested in playing soccer on the SE/SW team, call Mr. Domon at 484-0882 for information. Or, call the Soccer Information number at 544-5385.



Ilia Domon during a game last season.

## 14-and-under at Club 4



MPB & G Club 4's age 14 amd under basketball team consists of:

(Left to right) Front Row - Dominique Seabrook, Jason Davis, Jonas Williams, Keith Douglas, Henry Bennett, Jamal Johnson; Back rown - Andre Johnson, Matthew Fairley, Anthony Thomas, DeVaughn Holt.



## 12-and-under at Club #4

Age 12 and under MPB&G Club 4 basketball team includes: Coach Adams in back, and (Left to right) Harry Keals, Anton Gillis, Jason Stokes, Jeffery Brauner, Lewis Queen, D'Aunte Toney, Andrew Callahan, Antoine Smith, Kevin Evans.

## Club #4's 10 and under



The 10 and under basketball team of Club #4 includes: (Front row, left to right): Donnell Stewart, Terrence Brown, Darrell Mathews, Donnel Washington, Wayne Mack. Back row, left to right): Derrick Singltery, Alvin Headspeth, Harold Crowley, Mathew Queen, Michael Penny. In back is coach Alvin E. Hudgens, Sr. Not shown are assistant coach Melvin Johnson and team member David Simmons.

#### CLUB 4, 16-and-under



Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4's age 16 and under basketball team is shown. Left to right: Front row, Lawrence Davis, Jamell Hall; Second row, Adrian Wade, Joey Simmons; Back row, Anthony Head, Brian Anderson, Dayvan Hooks.

## Norton's Report

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) convened a meeting of community leaders, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and others on February 5 in the Longworth House Office Building to provide a mid-term report on the achievements of the 1st Session of the 103rd Congress and on the goals of the 2nd Session.

#### **CULINARY COMPETITION**

Eat your way to a healthy future by consuming good-tasting and good-for-you foods during Nutrition Month this March. Help celebrate the American Cancer Society's GREAT AMERICAN FOOD FIGHT AGAINST CANCER, an annual awareness effort consisting of a wide range of enjoyable and educational activities in local schools, cafeterias, and grocery stores to let the community know that eating certain foods can help cut your risk for some cancers.

Throughout the month of March, for the second year, Guest Services, Inc. will serve food prepared in accordance with ACS nutritional guidelines in their 32 Metro area cafeterias, and will feature support materials such as ACS aprons for chefs, balloons, posters, and hand-outs

The second annual Crystal Toque Award Competition, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, District of Columbia Division, and Guest Services, Inc., will take place on Sunday, February 27th in conjunction with the American Culinary Federation's Annual Culinary Arts Salon. The event is being held this year along with the District of Columbia Restaurant Association Exhibition at the D.C. Convention Center.

This award is presented to a representative of the food service industry who best meets the American Cancer Society's nutritional guidelines in preparing a five-course menu, and accumulates the highest total points according to American Culinary Federation competition guidelines. Original recipes must be provided along with a nutritional analysis of each dish. Chef Maribeth Krukow of the Sheraton Washington Hotel earned the Crystal Toque at last year's competition, as well as Salon top honors. The public is welcome to view the winning entries after the judging is completed.

## MERCHANTS' CORNER



Luther Campbell of rap recording artists 2Live Crew, came to Waterside Mall to sign his autograph on photos and T-shirts at Rainbow Record and Books.

## Syphax Students Move To Bowen, Amidon Schools

by Margaret Feldman

A pleasant busy buzz fills the room as children work on art projects in one area of the large room. Regular classes are going on in other areas just beyond the "temporary" walls. Four new rooms have been partitioned off with colorful dividers in what used to be a multipurpose room.

Amidon School is doing just fine with the addition of 100 first and fourth graders and their siblings who used to go to Syphax last year.

#### UNIFORMS

Amidon children started wearing uniforms last year and now most of the girls observed at a recent visit were wearing their maroon jumpers with white blouses and the boys were wearing white shirts and black pants. All were lovingly greeted by my guide, Ms. Fox, the counselor who seems to know all the children.

Ms. Fox runs an informal clothing and uniform exchange and reports that staff members sometimes help with clothing for a child with a particular need. Most of the children get both breakfast and lunch at school.

#### TUTORS FROM DOEd, DOT, EPA

Amidon has more than 100 tutors for their children - some from the U. S. Department of Education, which has been a long-time partner of Amidon; some from the Transportation Department, some from EPA, and some independents.

Parents come every day to help with the cafeteria and noon-hour play period and also help in the classrooms.

#### CROSSING M STREET

When the closing of Syphax school was announced last year, many parents worried about their children crossing M St., so the Board of Education has provided a bus which travels through the south-of-M area and brings the children to both Amidon and Bowen. A regular crossing guard is at Canal and M St SW

#### NEW BOWEN PRINCIPAL

Bowen School has a new principal this year, Ms. Rosalie Huff, and 150 new children who formerly attended Syphax.

A number of rooms that were not used before had to be remodeled to accommodate the large influx of children. Ms. Huff proudly showed me the new computer room, the colorfully decorated rooms for all the grades, new doors, new window shades, and new paint. She has a list of improvements still needed, especially on the exterior, and is pressing to make the school the best possible learning environment for the children.

Since Ms. Huff was the principal last year at Kingsman Elementary School, one of the closed schools, she says all of the children are new to her and the eight teachers she brought with her. There is no difference



A special school bus circulates through Southwest before and after school to help former Syphax Elementary School children cross M St. safely to attend their new schools - Anthony Bowen and Amidon Elementary schools.

between the Syphax and Bowen children. The are all "her children."

#### NEW SATELLITE DISH

Ms. Huff brought her satellite dish with her from Kingsman and now the science and math labs can receive special learning programs from any channel. The school is actively working to expand the opportunities for the children to know what is going on outside of their own rooms and neighborhood. She is working to get a chess club going so that her children can compete with children from Alexandria where there is a similar program.

Bowen, like Amidon has a huge number of volunteers including parents who come every day to help with the lunch room and playgrounds. Most of the children are provided breakfast and lunch. The PTA is active in providing special activities like a dance number at the Christmas party and an up-coming talent show.

#### CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Early in the school year, in order to deal with any possible conflict, Ms. Huff was able to get a program of teaching conflict resolution to the children and teachers. This program wa very much appreciated and has helped to create a fine spirit.

Last year when it was decided that Syphax school would be closed, David Hall, chair of the D C School Board, promised that Southwest schools would get a school bus morning and evening to bring the small children across M St. and that the bus would be available to our schools all day for field trips. He also promised foreign language programs.

The morning and evening bus is operating - but the bus is not available during the day and it is very difficult to et a bus for a field trip. No foreign language instructor has come to Bowen.

Despite these two omissions, Amidon and Anthony Bowen seem to be doing very well.

## Science Fair at Jefferson Jr.

by Jwahara Coleman, GR 8

From February 22 to 28 Jefferson Jr. High School held its annual science, math and technology fair. But this year was different. Not only did we have some of the best judges ever, but we also had some of the best projects ever.

Students have been working on them since mid-October. The projects ranged in variety from behavioral and social sciences to zoology. There were so many projects that they filled large classrooms and two science labs.

The judges included participants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Institute of Health (NIH), the National Society of Black Engineers, (NSBE), Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO), and the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). I admired the judges because the projects were all so well done I wouldn't have been able to be critical of any of them.

From December to early February the computer labs at Jefferson were full. Some students had to stand in line and wait for a space to open up. In most science classrooms all you could see were students working on their science projects. And if you asked where a student would be that afternoon, a common response was, "at the library" or "at home working on my project."

But all that hard work paid off. There were more winners and ties for placement in this year's science fair than in the last. Some students also say that they had more fun working on this science project than last year's.

This year's Science Fair at Jefferson was truly one of its best. Now, the winners are getting ready for the next step, where they hope to win many awards.

## MARCH IS WOMENS HISTORY MONTH



Fannie Lou Hammer's Speech by Jeff Student

# **Southwest Residents Elected To Coop Housing Board**

DC/CHC, Inc., formerly the DC Cooperative Housing Coalition, held its annual meeting at Van Ness North Cooperative on February 22, 1994.

At the meeting, two Southwesters were elected to the Board of Directors: Michael O'Dell (Harbour Square) and James Patton (River Park Mutual Homes). Mr. O'Dell was also re-elected as the organization's President. Mr. Patton is rejoining the Board of Directors having served on the Board a few years earlier as the organization's Treasurer.

The DC/CHC, Inc. is a nonprofit coalition of housing cooperatives located in the District of Columbia. Its purpose is to promote the concept of cooperative housing as a desirable and workable form of home ownership and to protect the common interests of cooperative housing associations in the Distract of Columbia. CHC estimates that it represents half of all cooperative housing units in the city.

Formed on September 18, 1984 as the D.C. Cooperative Housing Coalition, it was incorporated in 1993 and renamed as DC/CHC, Inc. Over the years the coalition has worked with the City Council and the District government in developing legislation and regulation relevant to housing cooperatives.

CHC has also sponsored events where members are given an opportunity to hear from and speak with government officials. Most recently, CHC co-sponsored a well attended "Meet the Chairman" event held on January 24 where City Council Chairman David Clarke spoke and responded to audience questions.

For more information, call Michael O'Dell in the evenings or weekends at 202-479-0634.



Michael O'Dell, president

## Final Report - Giant and Safeway Tapes

Over \$40,000 in Safeway and Giant Tapes were collected at the library and at Riverpark. All these were distributed to the three Southwest Schools. Everyone, thanks for pitching in.

#### Heart Attack Victims' Rescuers to be Honored

You can win an honor for people who have tried to save a heart attack victim's life. Persons who have attempted to save a life using cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the Heimlich Maneuver will be honored by the American Heart Assn., Nation's Capital Affiliate on April 12 at a CPR Rescuers Recognition Ceremony.

Rescuers will be honored for their quick initiative taken in a life threatening situation. The ceremony will take place at the Columbus Club in Union Station from 8 am to 10 am with a continental breakfast before the awards presentation.

Whether or not the victim survived does not affect one's eligibility to be recognized. However, candidates for this nomination:

- 1. Must have been trained in CPR by the American Heart Assn., American Red Cross. or another appropriate group.
- 2. Should live, work, have been trained or have attempted to save a life in Washington, DC
- 3. The attempted save must have occurred as a bystander rescue, outside of regularly assigned job duties, or off-duty from work.
- 4. The incident must have occurred between February 1, 1993 and March 2. 1994. The rescuer must not have been recognized previously by the American Heart Assn. Nation's Capital Affiliate for the save.

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# Free Job Training

One of the best occupational opportunities offered to Southwest youngsters comes in the form of free training to become professional news people, either reporters or editors.

There is no age limit on trainees; however, they will be expected to have either a commitment to journalism as a career or to be interested in exploring such

This extremely valuable training will be performed through real reporting that will appear in the Southwester.

Completely trained reporters and editors with a portfolio of printed work will undoubtedly have an excellent chance of getting a job in the DC area if they do a good job as trainees.

The teachers will be three news professionals who, today, earn their livings exclusively in journalism. Together, the three teachers have over 100 years of news experience.

One is Fritz Kessinger, who lives on 4th St. SW, just returned from an assignment in Florida. This week he will be on assignment in San Francisco.

Kessinger has covered highly technical meetings on laboratory animal veterinary medicine, on the regulation of foods, drugs and cosmetics, on interstate affairs in the Southwest where water sharing and other governmental actions are important because of the desert areas there.

He has been press secretary in two senators' offices. On an Arizona daily newspaper he covered police courts and crime, city council, county government, and general reporting. He was promoted to copy editor, one of the highest newsroom jobs in jour-

Nathaniel Polster will assist with the training. He has been managing editor of a newsletter with international circulation, now edits and publishes two newsletters. He has won an Associated Press prize for feature writing. He was a city hall reporter in three towns in South Carolina, correspondent for the New York Times, Time magazine, Fairchild Publication (Women's Wear Daily, etc.) and other national periodicals.

He was real estate editor and later business editor of the Savannah Morning News and Savannah Evening Press. He has written extensively on urban planning, urban highways, housing and race relations. He lives in the Southwest in Capital Park.

Ian Gilbert has extensive experience in technical writing and general reporting. He is truly an expert on the grammar and methods of writing news in the kind of clear, direct language that is being sought by numerous organizations in the Washington area for which he is a consultant, and which frequently require his journalism services.

Gilbert comes from a family of journalists; is the son of a news executive who served the Washington Post for 25 years

after being hired as one of the youngest city editors the *Post* ever had.

Gilbert has written an assigned column and editorials for the Washington Times. He was associate editor of Public Citizen, a periodical published by the Ralph Nader organization. His 35 years as a journalist started out when he was managing editor of the paper at Woodrow Wilson High School. He has been editing reporters' work ever since.

He has training as a lawyer. While at Columbia University he won a national competition in brief writing.

Any trainees seeking this valuable instruction will be assigned to cover a variety of types of news stories originating in this neighborhood.

There will be no pay, unless scholarship money is awarded by a foundation. It is now being sought by the editors of the Southwester. But the kind of instruction offered here is at least the equivalent of what a student would get in a top journalism school.

In addition, it will be offered with no set class times, no entry requirements other than an interest in journalism.

Because of the experience and busiconnections of the three instructors, any trainee showing ability to pursue a career in journalism stands a good chance of getting a job at the end of his or her training

Journalism is one of the last professions in this country where entry does not require a college degree, though that is, of course, highly desirable.

Further, there is little question that a student with a file of clippings and recommendations from the Southwester will have an excellent chance of winning a scholarship in a topflight journalism school in DC or

### S.W. Community House Job Vacancies

SECRETARY - Southwest Community House is accepting applications for a permanent part-time Secretary to perform a wide variety of clerical duties, and operate standard office equipment to include a Personal Computer. Applicants must have 3 to 5 years of progressive clerical and secretarial experience, to include word processing. Word Perfect or MS Word is

BOOKKEEPER - SWCH is accepting applications for a permanent part-time Bookkeeper to prepare general ledger and trail balances, accounts for all funds, maintain receipts, records, and prepare statistical reports. Applicants must have 3 to 5 years of related bookkeeping experience. Computer experience with spreadsheets and bookkeeping software required.

Contact Al Freeman, (202) 488-7210. Deadline: March 25, 1994.

#### Kids, For A Fee, Can Learn About Animals

Summer Safari at the National Zoo is the wildest day camp in town. Kids can investigate "Spineless Wonders," become "Zoo Detectives," get a "Passport to the Amazon," or find themselves involved in "Monkey Business."

The largest wildlife education program for children on the East Coast, Summer Safari has expanded 20% in 1994 to meet popular demand.

Between June 27 and August 19, there will be 48 week-long sessions for children in kindergarten through seventh grade.

With more than 3,000 Zoo animals to meet, this nontraditional day camp lets kids learn why porcupines have quills, how fast a cheetah can run, how to act like a slithering snake, how to behave like a bird, or how to care for a baby elephant.

Children enjoy hands-on science activities while they explore the lives and habitats of animals. Each session includes Zoo walks, lively discussions, exciting experiments, and animal crafts projects.

Children may attend one or more weeks of Summer Safari. Sessions are held Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon. A oneweek session is \$110 for FONZ members and \$147 for nonmembers. For more information and a complete listing of Summer Safari offerings, please contact Laura Murphy or Jim Morrill at Friends of the National Zoo at 673-4961.

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The New Orleans Jazz combo at Market Inn for Sunday Brunch includes: clarinetist Henning Hoehne, left; drummer Michael Flaherty, and guitarist Chip Kelly.



The pianist and bass player of Market Inn's New Orleans Jazz combo are added in this picture. Left to right are: Henning Hoehne, pianist Robert Boguslan, Michael Flaherty, and Ann Marlowe, bass.



## New Director At S.W. House

by Karen Wilson

Down at the end of Q Street the Southwest Community House, one of the oldest social service organizations in Washington, thirsts for what its new manager brings to it-management.

Al Freeman, veteran social services administrator, and Executive Director of the Southwest House since January, sees his first and primary goal as to "review and update if necessary, the goals, mission, and means" of the facility.

Currently, the Southwest House offers employment assistance and crisis intervention for disadvantaged neighbors. Freeman hopes to focus these programs for maximum effectiveness, and add others after the staff assesses community needs and facility resources.

"This is an organization badly in need of reorganization," he says. Freeman brings over 20 years of management experience to Southwest. Born in Chicago, he has worked all over the country from the YMCA in Minneapolis to a homeless shelter in New York City. The Southwest House offers a bigger challenge to him. "You knew what the YMCA stood for; its core programs were there and they were basic," he explains. "We need to be more focused in terms of programs and services being offered."

Freeman's strengths are what the facility needs: staff development and training, financial management, and program development.

"What's important is to recognize the needs, the expertise and key players to address those needs, and to work towards a common goal," he

Freeman sits pensively in his upstairs office at the Southwest House-a newcomer to the neighborhood but at home in the old building ("92 years old-or so I'm told," he says). "The challenge," he pauses, "is to look from an organizational perspective," to tighten the mission, streamline programs, and utilize resource. "If one is able to achieve that, we can improve the quality of life, and move people from a dependant state to independence."

But Freeman doesn't expect all the improvements to be internal. "I'd also like to open the channels of communication with the community," especially the more disadvantaged who will most benefit from the House. "Historically we don't listen to poor people. We talk to them, for them. we need their input, their say in terms of what they need."

Since his arrival, the major thrusts have been improving the physical condition of the building, and creating a system of accountability and management for the programs, present and future. "We really need to prioritize," says

Freeman and his wife moved here from southern California originally to be closer to their children at school at Howard and American Universities. Although he preferred the sunny climate of the West Coast ("I'm tire of this," he says, gesturing toward the window on this cold morning), Freeman felt that his skills could help his adopted community.

"I'm not here for the money, and you can quote that," he laughs, breaking a smile for the first time amidst the more serious discussion of goals and solutions. "If what we do can asist individuals and families then it's worthwhile."

individuals and families, then it's worthwhile."
Freeman is not naive about what needs to be done. "The spirit of cooperation and teamwork must be developed if...quality service is to be provided to the population we serve," he says.

## **ANC Meeting**

At its February 14, 1994 meeting, ANC2D:

- 1. Heard Sgt. William Richardson and Lt. Sandra Peters, First District MPD officers, present the monthly statistical crime report.
- 2. Voted to support Riverside Associates' request for a 2-year extension for their right to develop "Capitol Point" (at 2nd & R SW) as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). The ANC also agreed to ask the Board of Zoning Adjustment what criteria it uses for evaluating extensions
- 3. Agreed to oppose amending the Comprehensive Plan to expand the Central Employment Area to include Buzzard Point in the CEA would automically exempt Buzzard Point from DC-required environmental impact studies and alter the parking requirements for the area.
- 4. Revised its standing procedural rules for 1994.
- Voted to request city officials to enforce the regulations on the use of tinted windows in automobiles.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, April 11, 1994 at 400 I Street (in the basement of Westminster Church). The agenda is subject to last minute changes.

## FORGET THE OLYMPICS JOIN D.C. WALK/RUN RACES

The eleventh annual Sallie Mae 10K Run and 3K Walk is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 8 am in Washington's West Potomac Park.

The 1994 event features a Washington area runners' prize structure, with prizes totalling \$26,000, and a new 3K walking event along the picturesque Tidal Basin near the Jefferson Memorial

This event is the largest fund raiser for the National Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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## "RiverTrek" For **Kidney Foundation** Comes to SW

This year's "River Trek," held annually to benefit the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area, is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, in Southwest. Sponsors are hoping to improve upon last year's "Canal Trek" in Georgetown, and attract as many as a thousand walkers to our area.

It's to be held in conjunction with the Blessing of the Fleet, Washington Waterfront Association's annual kickoff of the summer boating season. The 7.5 kilometer walk will begin at 8 a.m. at the Police and Fire Pier, and will end at Gangplank Restaurant a couple of hours later

Walkers secure pledges from contributors for each kilometer they travel, and can join the fun individually or as a team.





t. Sandra J. Peters of First District Metroplitan Police Station.

st. W. L Richardson of One-D, MPD.

## Library

#### David Stevenson **Donates** Computer to SW Library

Mr. David Stevenson of the Southwest community answered the call of our neighborhood library and fulfilled the request for a computer for the Library's Children's room. Often we hear how the Virginia, and the Maryland libraries have so much to offer the children, especially where modern technologies are concerned. The Library can now go on-line so that our children can receive Prodigy and many other forms of children's on-line services.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Stevenson for his thoughtful contribution.

## Children's Stories March 19 at Library

"Talespinners" will appear at the Southwest children's room on Saturday, March 19 at 12 noon. This group of literacy students, tutors and librarians will offer and give of folktales and stories to the Southwest community.

This is a family program that is geared to share with children and adults alike. The group works through Push Literacy Action Now and trains students and tutors in the art of storytelling

Please come out to support Southwest Library's family programming

## **SWNA** Elections

The Next SWNA Meeting will be March 28th at 6.30. The meeting will take place in the SW Branch library. There will be a workshop and nominations for officers and board members of the Assembly.

Chapter 2052 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) held its annual party at the Gangplank Restaurant on January 27, 1994. The festive affair, replete with good food, songs, and lots of fun, was ably directed by the Chapter president, Robert Zieg-

An informative presentation of plans for the development of the Southwest Waterfront was presented by guest speaker, Mr. Charles W. Hargrove, ANC-2D commissioner. The group Hargrove, ANC-2D commissioner. The group was especially honored by the presence of Mr. Charles W. Carter, National President of NARFE who outlined for members and guests the organizational goals for the coming year aimed at improving the position of retired federal employees. Special emphasis was placed on the desirability of securing a new national head-quarters building for NARFE.

Monthly meetings of Chapter 2052 are held on the last Thursdays at 1:30 pm, at the Southwest Library, Wesley and K Streets, S.W. All Federal and DC retirees, and employees with 5 years vested service, are most welcome to at-

years vested service, are most welcome to attend.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21 at 1:30 pm at the SW Library.



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## **SWNA Elections**

As of the deadline for the Southwester, many of the positions which are on the ballot for the SWNA are open. The election is being postponed for one month to give people a chance to attend the March 28th meeting of SWNA. At this meeting they will learn what the Assembly is about & what the officers do. After the workshop (at the meeting), we hope to have a full ballot. The date of the election will be announced.

Those on the ballot will be president - John Brown who will stay on until a new president is elected, vice president **Open**, secretary **Open**, treasurer - **Open** and representatives from each of the four districts. The reps are listed below. The reps are board members who are liaisons with the community members from the particular district where they reside.

<u>District 1</u> consists of 700-7th St., 1000-6th St., 1100-6th St., Waterside Towers, the town houses between 7th St. and 4th St. and M St. and the freeway. Those running are:

Apaula Brown-former Congressional staff assistant, representative to SWNA since 1990, currently associated with National Conference of State's Society

Jackie Williams-former SWNA representative

<u>District 2</u> consists of Capitol Park. Candidates are:

Alan Bean maybe

Carolyn McCormackmaybe

<u>District 3</u> consists of Tiber Island, Carrollsburg Square, Riverpark, Riverside, Harbour Square and the townhouses near the river. Candidates are:

Jeanne Macdonald-retired Chapt 1 reading teacher, former treasurer of SWNA

Margaret Feldman-chair of River Park 25th anniversary, former president of SWNA for two terms, president of S.W. Community Council Walter Brooks-26 year resident Tiber Island, retired from D.C. Public Schools, active in SWNA, Y.A.T.F., Wiley Branton Community Development Corp., Randall Homeless Feeding Program thru St. Augustines Church

<u>District 4</u> consists of King James, Greenleaf, area near 2nd Baptist, it is bounded by M St. on the North, Deleware Ave. on the East and the

Anacostia River on the South & East. Those running are:

<u>Phyllis Martin-President James Creek Resident</u> Council, Vice-President S.W. Public Housing Commission, on the city-wide Public Housing Advisory Board

Kenneth Moon-former SWNA representative for 2 terms, science teacher, president of Tel-court Peggy Jackson-James Creek Resident Council, SWNA Board member 1993-94,member of 1st District Citizen Advisory Board

There will be a map at the elections. We hope to have a large turn-out. Anyone who is a member of the Assembly may vote.

The officers will be installed at the next SWNA meeting in April.

## Go Fly A Kite!

When I was a youngster the popular words for getting rid of someone with whom you did not want to be bothered were "go fly a kite." The message was always understood if you used those words - the person was to "get lost." This was the attitude in "years gone by" when the door-to-door salesman was a popular American institution (vacuum cleaners, magazines, etc.). He usually showed up as the family sat down at the dinner table or at some other inconvenient time. But for us boys, when March came, "go fly a kite" were the sweetest words our ears could hear.

March brought the early spring winds that meant only one thing for me and my peers: Kite Flying. We were not concerned with the scientific theory (aerodynamics) behind our sport, for we knew that when the lift exceeds the drag, you've got it made, boy! You're up, up, and away, and the birds salute you. In that one sentence is the essence of kite flying!

No man ever gets so old he doesn't remember the first string burn he got when he let the line spin too fast from his hands, or the sense of loss when the string broke the first time. But what a delight when your kite mounted higher and higher; a blotter of white cloud gobbled it up like a small wet ink stain. The force of nature was in you, and you in it, for the duration of your involvement. You were truly the master of your universe!

Egyptians flew kits along the banks of the Nile. The Chinese, with reeds attached to their paper craft, have made kite music in the sky. Kites have been built to carry men. Military intelligence units have used kite-borne men to drop messages to their battalions. Young swains have flown letters to their lady lovers in bowers beyond unbreachable castle walls.

But we boys didn't think much about these things. Our consciousness was stretched into another dimension: the world of infinity, whose tiny tape measure we held in our hands-our kites.

by William W. Layton

And while we are on the subject of kitesdon't forget the 28th Annual Kite Festival on Saturday, March 26. It is on the West side of the Monument grounds. The rain date is March 27th. The theme this year is "Family Traditions". The competition is from 10am to 12pm. There are certain rules for people interested in entering the competition. The kites must be handmade and capable of flying 100 feet for 1 minute. For more information, call 357-3030.

The kite awards are by categories. The Festival is being brought to you by the Smithsonian Associates and the National Air & Space Museum.

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## CHTPA

The Capital Hill Tax Payers Alliance (CHTPA) will hold its annual Spring Property Tax Appeal Workshop on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 pm in the basement of the Church of the Reformation, 222 E Capitol St.

At the workshops, property owners can learn how to appeal their 1995 property tax assessments. The deadline for appeal has been extended from April 15 to April 30. In addition to CHTPA tax experts, CHTPA has also invited a representative from the D C Assessor's Office to speak.

In addition to speakers, CHTPA will have copies of the appeal forms at the workshop. Bring a copy of your 1995 tax assessment to the workshop.

# "A Small World" At Kreeger Theater

Wally Babington

What happens when a middle-aged Trinidadian business man gets lost in Brooklyn on a snowy night and wanders into a bar whose only occupant is a beautiful, sexy and brash Trinidadian bartender? A lot happens!

That's the setting for Arena's new production: The world premiere of Mustapha Matura's, "A Small World." The two characters spend the evening exploring their pasts, their emotions and the wisdom of youthful decisions and judgements. Their pasts are intertwined, and consequently their present lives become involved and related to one another in a complex and intricate fashion.

No superior acting skills are presented on Arena's stage than those displayed by Franchelle Stewart Dorn and Wendell Wright. Both are well known and respected members of Arena's resident acting company. The play's plot unfolds through witty, clever and moving dialogue. These two superb actors get everything out of the play that is possible; in the hands of the less skillful, it is doubtful that the plot would hold interest for two acts.

Speaking of two acts: The play is really more like two one act plays separated by intermission. The continuity between the acts is tenuous at best. The totality of the evening's drama includes comedy, romance, mystery, suspense and fantasy. The burden on the actors is heavy. The audience is challenged with determining what parts of the plot line are true and factual and which are fanciful, imaginary and mystical - or just plain lies.

But it's an interesting and entertaining evening. There are many unresolved issues in the play that leave the audience with questions in mind. However, it's worth it just to watch these two actors perform, moving from farce to light comedy to melodrama to tragedy.

A Small World by Mustapha Matura. Directed by Kyle Donnelly. With Franchelle Stewart Dorn and Wendell Wright. At Arena's Kreeger Theater, through April 3. Ticket information,

# Come to the SWNA Meeting